

EXHIBIT 1

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

IN RE:)	CASE NO: 19-10926-TMD
)	CHAPTER 7
)	
ORLY GINGER,)	Austin, Texas
)	
)	Wednesday, October 23, 2019
Debtor.)	
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MOTIONS HEARING

BEFORE THE HONORABLE TONY M. DAVIS,
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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FOR CREDITOR ARIE GENGHER;

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ERIC HERSCHMANN;

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RETENTION OF KASOWITZ BENSON TORRES, LLP;

STATUS HEARING DOC #31 MOTION FOR AN ORDER,
PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 9018
AND SECTION 107(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE,
AUTHORIZING SAGI GENGHER TO FILE UNDER SEAL
CERTAIN OF THE EXHIBITS AND PORTIONS OF THE
MOTION TO DISMISS BANKRUPTCY CASE OR,
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AND MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT FOR CREDITOR
SAGI GENGHER;

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OF CIVIL ACTIONS FOR TRUSTEE RON SATIJA;

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MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA FOR TRUSTEE RON SATIJA

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1 Austin, Texas; Wednesday, October 23, 2019; 1:58 p.m.

2 (Call to Order)

3 THE COURT: Please be seated.

4 (Pause)

5 THE COURT: I have a page here entitled parties in
6 alignment. I see that everybody's aligned properly. I'm glad
7 to see that. Mr. Taube, how do you pronounce the debtor's last
8 name?

9 MR. TAUBE: Genger, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Orly Genger, 19-10926, appearances
11 in the courtroom.

12 MR. TAUBE: Good afternoon, your Honor. Eric Taube
13 on behalf of the debtor, Orly Genger.

14 MS. WILLIAMSON: Your Honor, Deborah Williamson, on
15 behalf of Arie Genger, the father.

16 MR. BOWEN: Mike Bowen.

17 MR. BATTAGLIA: Your Honor, Ray Battaglia, for Eric
18 Herschmann. Mr. Herschmann is the debtor's spouse.

19 THE COURT: And he lives in Austin?

20 MR. BATTAGLIA: He lives in Austin. He's a non-
21 filing spouse.

22 THE COURT: Practices in New York.

23 MR. BATTAGLIA: He's really still a partner with the
24 firm, but I would say generally not practicing in the
25 traditional sense.

1 **THE COURT:** Locations are really important.

2 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** Yes, he lives in Austin. His
3 letterhead would still show, or the firm's website would still
4 show him as a partner in the New York office.

5 **THE COURT:** Okay.

6 **MR. CUMINGS:** Good afternoon, your Honor. Brian
7 Cummings for the Chapter 7 Trustee and the Chapter 7 Trustee is
8 in the courtroom as well.

9 **MR. LEMMON:** Your Honor, Steve Lemmon, I'm here for
10 Sabrina Streusand today, who's out of town. We represent Sagi
11 Genger. And this is Mr. Dellaportas from New York, your Honor.

12 **MR. DELLAPORTAS:** Good afternoon, your Honor.

13 **THE COURT:** Good afternoon.

14 **MR. JORDAN:** Your Honor, I'm Shelby Jordan. I
15 represent Dalia Genger and I also represent D&K GP, LLC.

16 **MR. ORTIZ:** Antonio Ortiz, I also represent Dalia
17 Genger and D&K, LLC.

18 **THE COURT:** Okay. Appearances on the telephone?

19 **MS. RUSHING:** Good afternoon, your Honor. Danielle
20 Rushing, on behalf of Arie Genger.

21 **(Pause)**

22 **THE COURT:** Okay.

23 **MR. BOWEN:** I don't know if this is --

24 **THE CLERK:** The line's unmuted.

25 **MR. BOWEN:** -- Judge, this is Mike Bowen, I'm with

1 the Kasowitz law firm, calling you from New York.

2 **THE COURT:** Okay. Thank you.

3 **(Pause)**

4 **THE COURT:** I thought maybe what I'd do is give you a
5 piece of my mind, and then we'd kind of go from there. What,
6 where we're headed at the end of today, is we're going to set a
7 date and we're going to have a very short and succinct hearing
8 to determine whether I should transfer venue of this case.

9 We're going to, we might have to have some discovery.
10 It's hard for me to understand what could possibly not be
11 discovered by now, after the better part of two decades of
12 litigation. But, you tell me. Do you have copies of her
13 passport? Probably ought to have that. Beyond that, I don't
14 know. I mean, ten years, that, we can get around to dismissal
15 if I keep the case. We can get around to that. It's probably
16 a non-starter.

17 Texaco was solvent when it filed. But, it had a big
18 creditor problem. Had a judgment that it couldn't, didn't have
19 the capital and didn't have access to capital to bond. And so,
20 the Court said, hey, that's a big creditor problem, that sounds
21 like something bankruptcy would take care of. Now, I
22 understand the two party dispute. I mean I could look at the
23 schedules, and I can see that. But, I also think there's a
24 creditor problem here.

25 And I've also heard allegations of fraudulent

1 transfers. We can do that in Bankruptcy Court. We can address
2 fraudulent transfers. So, I mean, I'm just assuming everything
3 that's in the motion to dismiss is true, gosh, this sounds like
4 it ought to be in bankruptcy somewhere.

5 The 9019, of course, was very interesting. It raises
6 the questions in my mind of, if the creditors, clearly the
7 Trustee has the right to compromise the litigation. Or at
8 least I think that's clear, you can convince me otherwise; I'm
9 open to new arguments. It looks to me the Trustee would have
10 that right. But, every creditor has the right to object to
11 exemptions. So, if we're going to litigate the exemptions
12 anyway, what does the settlement accomplish? That's part one.

13 Part two, I'm really glad, Mr. Satija, that you got
14 advice of Counsel entering the settlement. That's not going to
15 cut what we need to do at a 9019. I know I don't I have to
16 have a mini trial. I'm aware of that law out there. There
17 will be a mini trial on this one. I'm going to want to see
18 wire transfers, I'm going to want to see the facts concerning
19 whether or not the discovery rule applies, all those things I
20 would need to see. So, we're not going to avoid, we're going
21 to have something, we're going to look at this stuff. There's
22 no doubt about that. If I keep the case.

23 Mr. Taube has heard this lecture before on excessive
24 advocacy. I don't know how many of you others have. So, we've
25 got this motion to dismiss. We've got an objection to debtor's

1 motion to continue. And we've got DK joinder to exemption to
2 the objection. Two supposedly signed by, or prepared by
3 Ms. Streusand, one by Mr. Jordan. I think one person wrote all
4 three. And I don't think I need a linguistic algorithm to tell
5 me that. And I know they weren't written by either
6 Ms. Streusand or Mr. Jordan. Excessive advocacy. Only a few
7 hours before the filing of this bankruptcy, the debtor
8 described herself, again, her domicile Israel in her brief for
9 *en banc* review to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

10 **(Pause)**

11 How much of what you write can I believe? That's
12 false. Her statement spoke as of a point in time two years
13 earlier. So, all three of these briefs, there's more time
14 spent calling Orly a liar than there is on the substance of the
15 motion. That kind of pleading I find disgusting and unhelpful.
16 That's why I know that neither Ms. Streusand or Mr. Jordan
17 prepared those briefs. If I keep this case, so.

18 Yeah, here we don't serve subpoenas without
19 consulting the party from whom discovery is sought ever. We
20 don't serve on holidays. We don't demand production in two
21 days. And as I said before, after ten years of litigation,
22 what else is out there that hasn't been discovered?

23 **(Pause)**

24 The debtor will sit for a deposition. It will be
25 limited to venue. Venue. Four hour deposition. And you all

1 decide who gets what of the four hours. But, it's only going
2 to be four hours. I want to know when the deposition takes
3 place, so I can be available. You'll bring me in by conference
4 call. Everything I say and everything said to me will be on
5 the record.

6 (Pause)

7 Now, what discovery do you need?

8 (Pause)

9 MR. LEMMON: Your Honor, Steve Lemmon for Arie
10 Genger. The only, so our view is that assuming that there's no
11 objections to the authenticity of the pleadings, and the Court
12 opinions in New York --

13 MR. TAUBE: Your Honor, I just, I'm sorry, I didn't
14 mean to interrupt.

15 MR. LEMMON: Oh, I said Arie.

16 MR. TAUBE: Yes, just want to make sure I correct it.

17 MR. LEMMON: No, thank you. I apologize, thank you
18 for correct me. For Sagi Genger, yes.

19 MR. TAUBE: Sagi, thank you.

20 MR. LEMMON: So, assuming that there's no objections
21 to the authenticity of the pleadings and the Court opinions in
22 New York, your Honor, that solves 99 percent of the discovery
23 that we --

24 THE COURT: Now, those Court opinions, I mean, just
25 the two Forest opinions, they don't say anything about fraud.

1 **MR. LEMMON:** I agree, your Honor.

2 **THE COURT:** They don't say anything about perfidy.

3 **MR. LEMMON:** And, your Honor --

4 **THE COURT:** So, I, breach of contract and indemnity,
5 that's it.

6 **MR. LEMMON:** I do not believe those issues to be
7 relevant to the change of venue.

8 **THE COURT:** Okay.

9 **MR. LEMMON:** And so, I'm just addressing the venue
10 issue.

11 **THE COURT:** Okay. Good.

12 **MR. LEMMON:** And so --

13 **THE COURT:** Now I think they are relevant to venue.

14 **MR. LEMMON:** -- and so, your Honor, the only other
15 conceivable thing would be a copy of the debtors extension on
16 their tax return, to see, and only to see the state that they
17 show of, or where they show their residence to be. And that
18 would have been the one filed 04/15/2019.

19 **MR. TAUBE:** Happy to do that, your Honor.

20 **MR. LEMMON:** And so, with that, your Honor, I'm not,
21 I'm not even certain that the parties would even, because she's
22 been questioned on these venue issues in the 341.

23 **THE COURT:** So, you don't need the deposition. We
24 don't need it, let's not do it.

25 **MR. LEMMON:** Your Honor, I don't think we need it.

1 **THE COURT:** Good.

2 **MR. LEMMON:** And so, my view is that the movants are
3 prepared to go forward with what documents exist on the venue
4 hearing. And that, from our perspective, of course the debtor
5 can show up and testify regarding venue facts, but we don't
6 have to take any depositions.

7 **THE COURT:** Okay. What about the authenticity and
8 admissibility of those documents?

9 **MR. LEMMON:** I'm hopeful, your Honor, that we can
10 achieve a stipulation on those, on the Court documents, I'll
11 call them. And if we can, then I would view as submitting all
12 of those things, I don't, and of course I think that perhaps
13 the parties can enter into a list of facts that we stipulate,
14 and then facts that are in issue.

15 **THE COURT:** Well, that would be great. It sounds
16 ambitious, but.

17 **MR. LEMMON:** Well, I, I would like for all of this to
18 be addressed in New York by other lawyers, is my goal, your
19 Honor.

20 **(Pause)**

21 **MR. TAUBE:** I'm speaking only for the debtor. We
22 have similar documents that our briefs, where Sagi is taking
23 the position that she lives in Austin, that we'll, I'm sure
24 we'll be able to reach stipulations as to authenticity. I have
25 a couple of other documents such as things like, which I'm

1 happy to produce to the other side, her driver's license, her
2 voter's registration, similar types of issues. And I'm happy
3 to provide the extension that was requested, properly redacted
4 obviously, for certain information.

5 **THE COURT:** The, to the extent possible, dealing with
6 redacted documents makes things a lot more challenging. I
7 mean, I understand why somebody's, I don't quite understand how
8 the non-debtor spouse's income is going to remain secret.

9 **MR. TAUBE:** I understand. And I'll --

10 **THE COURT:** I'm just kind of struggling with that.
11 But, putting that aside --

12 **MR. TAUBE:** -- yes, sir.

13 **THE COURT:** -- I mean, the father's finances, okay.
14 But, do we really need to talk about those in a venue hearing?

15 **MR. TAUBE:** I don't think we need to talk about, the
16 only thing I was going to redact, your Honor, was her social
17 security number, which I'm sure somebody has reams of
18 information on already.

19 **THE COURT:** Even I would agree to that.

20 **MR. TAUBE:** I don't know what else would need to be
21 redacted from the extension request, that was the only thing, I
22 was limiting the reaction to the request for extension on the
23 filing of the tax return. I've actually provided the tax
24 returns previously to the Trustee, they have them. I mean, I
25 may actually use the tax returns to show where she lists --

1 **THE COURT:** The Trustee's on that side of the
2 courtroom though, so.

3 **MR. TAUBE:** -- he's right, yes, well, whatever the, I
4 mean, again, your Honor, that's the only thing that we're going
5 to be talking about is venue. Now, if they don't want a
6 deposition, I do intend to have Ms. Genger present to testify.

7 **THE COURT:** And I was thinking, well I don't know,
8 this is getting, okay

9 **MR. TAUBE:** So, I don't need any discovery.

10 **THE COURT:** Do you need witnesses? Do you need
11 people testifying?

12 **MR. JORDAN:** Your Honor, if I might add, on behalf of
13 Dalia Genger --

14 **THE COURT:** You'll have two hours.

15 **MR. JORDAN:** -- okay, but --

16 **THE COURT:** Each.

17 **MR. JORDAN:** -- I don't think we need, I mean, I don't
18 think my clients need depositions. The only thing I think in
19 discovery that I need, and it's, I know it's not up for today,
20 but it is pending, is the access to the confidential documents
21 that everybody else has, or the other parties have. And
22 that's, other than that, of course I've always said I'll sign
23 the confidentiality agreement and live by the terms of the
24 confidentiality agreement, or a new one if they want, that
25 would give me access to the documents. But, that's the only

1 thing, and I have to say that I don't know that I necessarily
2 need them for venue, but I don't know if I need them for venue
3 because I don't know what they say.

4 So, that's my only issue on discovery for my client
5 is, access to those documents that were marked confidential by
6 the debtor or debtor's Counsel, or the parties that were
7 involved in that, in the litigation in New York.

8 **THE COURT:** Okay.

9 **(Pause)**

10 **THE COURT:** So, so far we've got one witness.

11 **(Pause)**

12 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** You opened the box a little bit,
13 Judge. Ray Battaglia for Eric Herschmann. And if
14 Mr. Herschmann needs to come and say he hasn't been in the New
15 York office for 18 months, he'll come and say that. But, I'm
16 not sure --

17 **THE COURT:** I didn't follow what you just said.

18 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** -- oh, you said that a location is
19 important earlier.

20 **THE COURT:** Yes, it is

21 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** And I just wanted to point out
22 Mr. Herschmann hasn't been in that office in 18 months. But,
23 I'm not sure that testimony's necessarily relevant. I think
24 he'll be available, whether he's testifying or not remains to
25 be seen.

1 As far as discovery on venue, we don't think there's
2 a need for discovery. As far as admissibility of exhibits, I
3 don't think we're going to have an issue authenticating
4 pleadings. There were some 40 documents attached to the motion
5 to dismiss, perhaps more, including a lot of pleadings, which
6 have been their pleadings. I think there could be
7 admissibility issues or relevance issues. But, as far as
8 authentication, I don't think we're going to trouble the Court
9 with whether this is a true and correct copy. And to the
10 extent we can work that out, specifically, what's relevant for
11 that hearing on venue, I'm sure we'll do it.

12 **THE COURT:** And to be fair, the motion that was filed
13 covered a lot more.

14 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** Covered a lot more. But, I don't
15 know what they plan to use. So, hopefully we can pare that
16 down and hopefully that's not an issue. I fully expect to do
17 that, because that's the way I've always worked with lawyers,
18 with the caliber of the lawyers that were sitting here in the
19 room.

20 So, there are other issues, Judge, and I'm not, we're
21 not waiving them. For example, Dalia Genger, we don't believe
22 is a creditor of this estate. But, for purposes of standing on
23 the motion for venue, that can rest for another day. I just
24 don't want it to be taken as some kind of admission that
25 Ms. Genger or D&K have standing in these cases.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** So, those are issues for another day.

3 | Just one more thing, I have to comment, because you said it.

4 The debtor's spouse's income is not relevant. There is a
5 prenuptial agreement and their post-marital income is separate
6 property. So, there's a lot of issues that fly out of that
7 that Mr. Herschmann's assets are not exposed at all here, and
8 not relevant to the issues before the Court.

9 **THE COURT:** Well, they're relevant to the means test,
10 aren't they?

11 MR. BATTAGLIA: I'm sorry.

12 **THE COURT:** Aren't they relevant to the means test?

13 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** I don't think they are if she has no
14 right to them.

15 **MR. TAUBE:** And also, your Honor, this is not a
16 consumer debtor.

17 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** Right.

18 **MR. TAUBE:** So, I don't think the means test applies.

19 **THE COURT:** Okay.

20 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** Again, issue for another day. I only
21 say it because I heard what you said and my ears perked up.

22 **THE COURT:** I think that's right.

23 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** My ears perked up because you said
24 something. I felt compelled to respond.

25 **THE COURT:** Okay.

1 **MR. TAUBE:** Your Honor, and I apologize, the only
2 thing I wanted to add in terms of documents so the, again,
3 trying to piece through the motion, and try to isolate on the
4 venue issues and the venue facts was a little more difficult as
5 I was preparing to come to Court today then I thought there
6 might be. But, they've made a lot about the notes, I might
7 want to introduce the notes themselves. There's two notes for
8 seven and half million each.

9 **THE COURT:** Do you have the documents that evidence
10 the advances that gave rise to the notes?

11 **MR. TAUBE:** Yeah, I'm not sure that I do, your Honor.
12 I actually have the notes themselves. Yeah, these are
13 different notes, I think your Honor, than what you're talking
14 about.

15 **THE COURT:** Oh, I was talking about the ones that
16 were in the settlement agreement.

17 **MR. TAUBE:** Yeah, these are notes actually, your
18 Honor, that relate to the, if you look at the pleadings, I
19 think it's in paragraph 14 of their motion to dismiss. They
20 are talking about two \$7.5 million notes, and that those are
21 the assets that are in New York, they say, and that's important
22 to them for the purpose of the venue motion. And I have the
23 notes, and I would like to get them into evidence so that the
24 Court sees them. I hope there won't be any problem stipulating
25 to the authenticity or copies of them. That's the only thing I

1 can think of that might be an issue.

2 **THE COURT:** Okay.

3 **(Pause)**

4 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** Your Honor, again, Deborah
5 Williamson on behalf of Arie Genger. Your Honor, we don't
6 anticipate, again, authenticity. Pleadings are what they are,
7 we can all check on PACER or wherever it is, and make sure,
8 yeah, that's a true and correct copy of what was filed.
9 Again, if it was a pleading filed by Sagi, then it can be used
10 against him. If it was a pleading filed by the other side, it
11 because against them That's a different purpose and it can
12 come in.

13 They did, in their motion for change of venue, attach
14 a complete deposition of Mr. Genger. He said what he said in
15 the deposition, your Honor. We don't believe the deposition
16 should be admitted. If he need to be here and be present, he
17 can be. But, I don't know that his deposition is relevant to
18 the issue of Ms. Genger's venue, where she lives and what the
19 evidence the Court will hear. And I don't know if we're going
20 to have a dispute about that.

21 The other issue, your Honor, on confidentiality. We
22 had submitted with our protective order, a proposed form of
23 confidentiality. What we were told --

24 **THE COURT:** What are the subject matters of, what are
25 we keeping confidential?

1 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** -- we're trying to keep
2 confidential, your Honor, well, there's a little bit of
3 backstory here. They are asking, for example, if you gave them
4 everything they asked for, your Honor, they would have Mr. Arie
5 Genger's complete financial records. They would have
6 appraisals of on his assets. They would have description and
7 documentation for all his business dealings, with the Brosier
8 (phonetic) family. None of that is relevant to this bankruptcy
9 case, your Honor. But they've asked for that. So, part of the
10 confidentiality issue is, and we do have, is what's --

11 **THE COURT:** What is covered by the agreement, is
12 there one agreement or are there multiple agreements?

13 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** -- there is one existing agreement,
14 your Honor, that was originally, my understanding, that Arie
15 Genger was basically, agreed into. And we've attached that to
16 our motion for protective order. So we, the Court has those,
17 that prior confidentiality order.

18 **THE COURT:** Okay. And that covers what? His assets
19 and business dealings and --

20 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** Well, those weren't produced. So,
21 he's, they didn't ask for them before, they're asking for them
22 now. And so, the prior confidentiality order, it was
23 litigated, but with other Counsel. I mean, we were not there,
24 that's the reason we proposed a new one here, using this
25 Court's form. And my understanding, is that we, that Sagi's

1 Counsel, had agreed to the form with one caveat, which is they
2 could share anything labeled confidential with anyone who
3 claims to be a creditor. And that's a problem, because we
4 don't know who a creditor is in this case right now.

5 **THE COURT:** Uh huh.

6 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** So, I don't, again, I don't think
7 it's an issue for venue. But, I do want the Court to
8 understand we're trying, we do see issues in the future on
9 this. We'll continue to try to work them out.

10 **THE COURT:** What about Mr. Jordan?

11 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** Mr. Jordan? Your Honor, I don't
12 know that Dalia Genger is a creditor. She hasn't a proof of
13 claim.

14 **THE COURT:** What if she's willing to sign the
15 confidentiality agreement?

16 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** Oh, if she'll sign the
17 confidentiality agreement, I would think that we would be
18 willing to do it. But, I mean, truly confidential, and not
19 sharing with anybody else.

20 **THE COURT:** Yeah, I mean, you can't share with
21 anybody that hasn't signed a confidentiality agreement.
22 What's --

23 **(Pause)**

24 **MR. JORDAN:** Judge, the answer's almost obvious, I,
25 if the confidentiality agreement restricts sharing, it won't be

1 shared. I'm not sure what Counsel was referring to.

2 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** You're --

3 **MR. JORDAN:** I've always offered to sign the
4 confidentiality agreement that's been signed and live by it.
5 That's in writing, delivered several times. That if I can just
6 see the documents that everybody else has, not these new
7 documents that are requested, I don't, I have not ever
8 requested new documents or other documents. But, the one's
9 that --

10 **THE COURT:** We have a limited number of parties to
11 the litigation. That's the whole point of the bad faith
12 business.

13 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** Right.

14 **THE COURT:** If the parties that are involved in this
15 all sign the confidentiality agreement, then they should have
16 access --

17 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** Yes, your Honor.

18 **THE COURT:** -- to the documents, and whatever terms
19 the confidentiality agreement are. But surely, the
20 confidentiality agreement says you can't give it to somebody
21 that hasn't signed the agreement.

22 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** I believe it says, and I'll go back
23 and verify your Honor, we were told that what we had attached
24 was not acceptable. If you look at their response to motion
25 for protective order, they said they want the right to share

1 with other creditors. If they'll withdraw that request, and --

2 **THE COURT:** They'll withdraw that request.

3 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** -- then your Honor, we have no
4 problem sharing, as long as they sign the confidentiality
5 order. Agreement.

6 **THE COURT:** Okay.

7 **(Pause)**

8 **THE COURT:** Sure.

9 **MR. DELLAPORTAS:** So, I believe with regard to the
10 confidentiality order --

11 **THE CLERK:** State your name, please.

12 **MR. DELLAPORTAS:** -- oh, I'm sorry, John Dellaportas,
13 for Sagi Genger. With regard to the confidentiality order, I
14 don't think we meant everyone who claims to be a creditor. I
15 think just the ones, essentially, in this room today.

16 **THE COURT:** Well, it's the people that sign the
17 confidentiality agreement.

18 **MR. DELLAPORTAS:** Understood. Yes, your Honor. I
19 just wanted to understand your Honor's, limiting comments
20 briefly, significantly just to venue. So, just one comment on
21 Ms. Williamson's concern about the use of the Arie Genger
22 deposition transcript.

23 **THE COURT:** Okay.

24 **MR. DELLAPORTAS:** And just because, I'm addressing it
25 just because I took that deposition. So, that deposition,

1 she'll correct me if I'm wrong, but it was taken, I believe, in
2 May. Which is after the debtor said she moved here. We asked
3 the debtor's father where his daughter lived, and he said she
4 lived in Israel. So, that's really the only purpose we want to
5 use it for. It's like --

6 **THE COURT:** That's sounds relevant.

7 **MR. DELLAPORTAS:** Yeah.

8 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** But, your Honor --

9 **MR. DELLAPORTAS:** We don't need to use the rest.

10 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** -- that was my point. We have no
11 problem with, excuse me Deborah Williamson, no problem with
12 that quote being used. It's the entire deposition they
13 attached. So, I have no problem with stipulating, yes, this is
14 what he testified to and when he testified to --

15 **THE COURT:** Yeah, I'd rather not read the whole
16 transcripts of depositions. I would rather just --

17 **MR. DELLAPORTAS:** Understood, your Honor.

18 **(Pause)**

19 **THE COURT:** -- what I'm wondering out loud, it might
20 be helpful for me to see some of this stuff in advance.

21 **(Pause)**

22 And so, we'd be talking about excerpts from
23 depositions that are relevant. Possibly documents. You all
24 need to exchange your documents in advance of the hearing.

25 **MR. TAUBE:** I think they're due Friday, your Honor.

1 And that was when we had planned on exchanging them, unless the
2 Court has an earlier timeframe. I'll be with Judge Mott
3 tomorrow afternoon, or tomorrow, but.

4 **THE COURT:** I think Friday sounds fine.

5 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** Are we still --

6 **THE COURT:** And you'll be ready to go on Thursday,
7 then.

8 **MR. TAUBE:** Your Honor, I read the Court's order,
9 that's when you said I should be here, and we'll be here and be
10 ready.

11 **(Pause)**

12 **THE COURT:** Wake my computer back up.

13 **(Pause)**

14 **THE COURT:** Why don't you meet and confer over the
15 weekend and Monday. And then, you're going to have to get hard
16 copies, I'll get you an address, you're going to have to Fed Ex
17 them to me at my apartment in Houston. I have some venue
18 issues of my own.

19 **MR. TAUBE:** Yes, sir.

20 **THE COURT:** And so, I, basically if Monday night for
21 Tuesday delivery, you can Fed Ex what you've agreed to on the
22 exhibits. And then, I envision getting here are the exhibits
23 we all agree are admissible and authentic. Here are the
24 proponents of the change in venue have exhibits that the other
25 side doesn't agree to. And the folks that want to stay in

1 Austin have a set of exhibits they want to get in that the
2 other side doesn't agree to, and that's fine. But, give me the
3 exhibits in those categories, so I understand where the fight's
4 coming.

5 **MR. TAUBE:** Yes, sir.

6 **THE COURT:** And then, we might have to spend some
7 time resolving the admissibility issues. And we can do that if
8 we need to.

9 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** Your Honor, I think it would be
10 helpful if Counsel would also designate those portions of the
11 depositions they would, of any deposition they would like to
12 use.

13 **THE COURT:** Yes.

14 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** And we have a chance to then, decide
15 do we want to object or do we want to supplement. And I'm more
16 than willing to do that.

17 **THE COURT:** Yes. So ordered.

18 **MR. TAUBE:** And I'm assuming, your Honor, that since
19 Ms. Genger will be here, and obviously they can use the 341 if
20 they think that her testimony is inconsistent. But, that
21 wouldn't be coming in except for impeachment purposes.

22 **THE COURT:** Okay.

23 **MR. TAUBE:** But, if they want to use the 341 for
24 something else, I assume they'll tell me.

25 **(Pause)**

1 **THE COURT:** Okay. Anything else?

2 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** Your Honor, just for my muddled mind,
3 we're going forward on venue and the basis you've discussed
4 here. The other matters that previously have been set, in our
5 now status conference, you'll tell at some point at that
6 hearing or after that hearing, what we're doing with the rest
7 of this.

8 **THE COURT:** If I keep the case.

9 **MR. BATTAGLIA:** Understood.

10 **THE COURT:** Otherwise, somebody else will.

11 **MR. CUMINGS:** Yeah, Brian Cumings for the Chapter 7
12 Trustee, your Honor. There is a deposition that was noticed of
13 the Trustee for tomorrow. My understanding is, at this point
14 in time, it's not necessary because no one wants his deposition
15 for the venue. But also, Mr. Taube, I believe Ms. Williamson
16 and Mr. Battaglia, were never available for that date. So, I
17 guess this is really more of a question for Counsel if they
18 want to keep that deposition. If they do --

19 **THE COURT:** You need his deposition for venue? Okay,
20 well, then the deposition is off.

21 **MR. CUMINGS:** Thank you, your Honor.

22 **THE COURT:** For now.

23 **MR. JORDAN:** And your Honor, Shelby Jordan, one
24 clarification, will I be getting a, the confidentiality order
25 from somebody that's got authority to let me sign it and then,

1 be able to get the documents?

2 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** If you'll look at the one that was
3 attached to our motion for protective order, and provide
4 comments to me, I think we can resolve.

5 **MR. JORDAN:** Okay. All right.

6 **THE COURT:** Okay. Good.

7 **(Pause)**

8 And then we're scheduled to go on --

9 **MR. TAUBE:** -- the 31st at 9:00.

10 **THE COURT:** 31st at 9:00 a.m.?

11 **MR. JORDAN:** Yes, sir.

12 **THE COURT:** Okay. That's sounds good. I'll see you
13 all then.

14 **MR. TAUBE:** Thank you, your Honor.

15 **MR. JORDAN:** Thank you, your Honor.

16 **MS. WILLIAMSON:** Thank you, your Honor.

17 **(Proceeding ended 2:28 p.m.)**

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